

about thirty thousand persons. That shows one saloon to two hundred and eleven persons, men, women, and infants. Who then need further debate about the causes of poverty, while there is so much apathy upon the one great cause?

## Sisters' Society C. E.

From the President

*To the Workers of the S. S. C. E.* — The meeting last night, August 16, at the Bethesda church, Pioneer, Ohio, closes my work among the societies for the present. Bethesda, two and one half miles from the Michigan line, and about twelve miles from Indiana, is the most north-western of the twenty-seven Ohio churches.

It is interesting to notice the differences and the similarities between this and the previous state visited. Ohio has a greater number of churches; Pennsylvania has more larger churches. In sociability they are much alike; the free-will offerings are almost the same, Ohio giving six cents more; the travelling expenses are about the same also. I visited all the churches in Ohio and nearly all in the state of Pennsylvania and can indeed report a pleasant time in both states.

I am leaving today for Winona Park, where the Bible Conference will have been in session over a week when this communication reaches you, and it will then not be a week's time before our own conference begins. I confidently trust your delegate is ready to come, if not already at the Park.

You have no doubt been somewhat puzzled as to where to send your report, as there has been some misunderstanding among ourselves, and a delay in mail matters, but if you send it either to Mrs. Perry or myself, it will be all right; the point to be anxious about is to get it to us in time. The reports that come in after Friday 25th, will cause the secretary extra trouble, if they can be included at all.

At West Independence, Thursday 10th, we had a small but lively meeting, resulting in the revival of the S. S. C. E. spirit, and an immediate reorganization, with eighteen members and with Sister Wilt as president. Brother Wilt's have been here only since spring, but speak of their new field of work as being in "paths of pleasantness" among ready workers.

Over a year ago they started up at this place a Sunday night meeting for the young people in rather an unusual way without any organization. They have been keeping them up ever since, meeting twice a month. Some who have been instrumental in starting them, are moving away, but it is expected to continue the meetings as devotional meetings of the S. S. C. E. Leaving West Independence Saturday for Bryan about a hundred miles distant, I had a longer stretch of railroad than between any two previous points in the state.

Sunday was not Bryan's regular day for preaching and the attendance was small in

the morning. At night the services were more largely attended. Their offering was \$3.47, \$1.74 of which the Sunday-school gave from their morning collection. It is a live Sunday-school and we can look for them to put in bricks in our Washington church.

They have a tireless worker at the head of their S. S. C. E.,—Sister Keiser—and the society has the reputation of always keeping up the national dues, never lagging. Now we come away to the north, Bethesda, near Pioneer, where, either on account of the season or latitude it is somewhat cooler, but the spiritual thermometer, by no means registers any less, rather higher.

Here, as at Bryan, they have that never-dying element in their society. I found a sister, indeed, in the president, Mrs. Hattie Kanauer, whose chief burden is the woe of the heathens. A year ago the society took a hundred dollar endowment pledge for Ashland College. Brethren, preach world-wide missions, foreign as much as home, for it has a most desirable effect on the support of the college, and every other institution of the Brethren church. To strengthen the home work means, souls from heathen darkness after awhile.

The free-will offering from the Bethesda people amounted to \$4.34.

I close with the full expectation of seeing you next week, and talking with you face to face. Yours in Jesus' name.

VIANNA DETWILER.

Pioneer, Ohio.

Jones' Mills, Pa.

Perhaps a report of my first visit as field secretary, in the interest of the Washington church building would be of interest to our readers. The report is given in detail for the encouragement of those whom I shall visit as well as for those who have so lovingly rendered their assistance. The following is the list of the names of those who have given the money or pledges: Mrs. M. C. Meyers, \$5.00; Miss Florence Meyers, Mrs. Annie McCloy, \$1.00 each. Then we went to Somerset, where we have a few members, but no church building. Mrs. Mary Miller, Mrs. Essie Braucher, Mrs. Eliza Musselman, \$1.00 each. In addition to this these three sisters have taken four cards. To fill out these cards are worth \$5.00 each. From here we went to Berlin which was our home and pastorate last year. We first met the Sunday school and by the hearty consent of the children, placed nine cards in the hands of their teachers to be filled out by the scholars and others. I preached two sermons and held a meeting with the society and the immediate result is this amount paid or pledged, in addition to cards. D. L. Meyers, J. J. Brallier, Mrs. Sarah Brallier, Mrs. Lizzie Musser, Mrs. Louisa Meyers, Mrs. Catherine Cober, Miss Annie Meyers, Miss Maggie Musser, \$1.00 each. We sold bricks in the audience amounting to 80 cents. Next I found the people of Maple Grove. Here I also preached two sermons and my work resulted in the following placed two cards: Mrs.

Sarah Boyer, 67 cents; Frank Boyer, Willie Boyer, 10 cents each. Mrs. Annie R. Knep- per, Mrs. Catharine Civits, P. G. Cober, Abram Civits, A. B. Cober, Mrs. Rebecca Fritz, Eli Cober, Miss Minnie Cober, Mrs. Priscilla Hauger, Mrs. Ira Beachley, Mrs. Emma Brant, Mrs. Lucinda Cober, Miss Dillie Cober, Miss Riby Cober, Albert Cober, \$1.00 each. W. H. Cober, 50 cents; Annie Bell Cober, 10 cents; Amount of collections, \$1.23.

From here I went to the Custer church, preached one sermon, gave one Bible reading. On account of much rain had small congregations. The church accepted one card and I placed three others in the hands of young people to work. Collections, 63 cents. We expect good results from this place yet. I then drove to the Downey or Kimmel church, gave one Bible reading and two sermons, and with this result: Mrs. Abbia Kimmel, Mrs. Cora Brant, Mr. J. J. Speicker, Mr. A. J. Miller, Mr. Josiah Kimmel, Mrs. Susan Kimmel, \$1.00 each. Mr. J. G. Kimmel, Mr. A. P. Kimmel, Mr. Henry Weaver, Miss Grace Boyer, Mrs. Sarah Lowry, Mrs. Kate Dively, Mrs. Amy Fritz, Mrs. Sarah Stull, Mr. J. C. Spicker, 50 cents each. Collections, \$2.74. Placed three cards, the names of the persons holding the cards and the result will be given in the B. E. about April 1, 1900. This is the sum total of the work. For this trip, spent 10 day's time, drove 70 miles across the country, preached seven sermons, gave two Bible readings, visited twenty-six families, secured almost fifty dollars in money and pledges, placed 27 cards in the hands of as many people interested in the work of the mission. I pray for God's choicest blessing on all willing workers.

MRS. M. C. MEYERS, State Pres.

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### Treasurer's Report of the S. S. C. E. for the Months of March-July

#### MARCH

THEOLOGICAL CHAIR	
Reported,	\$43 62
West Alexandria, Ohio,	1 00
Marcus, Ohio,	2 20
Total,	\$46 82
SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS' FUND	
Reported,	\$21 69
Withdrawn for Holsinger Fund,	4 75
Total,	\$16 94
HOLSINGER FUND	
Reported,	\$13 25
From S M. Fund,	4 75
Mrs. Rebecca Heft,	1 00
Y. P. S., Milford, Ind.,	50
David Augustine, pledge in full,	3 00
To Brother Holsinger,	\$10 00
Balance,	\$12 50

#### APRIL

THEOLOGICAL CHAIR	
Reported,	\$46 82
Roann, Ind.,	65
Mount Zion, Va.,	2 00
Dunlaps, Ind.,	55
Ashland, Ohio,	2 00
Allentown, Pa.,	1 60
Meyersdale, Pa.,	1 00
Flora, Ind.,	25
Winchester, Ohio,	2 50